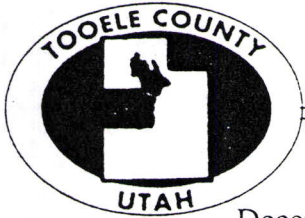


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J. RAYMOND JOHNSON, P.E.
DIRECTOR

December 19, 1996

Department of Natural Resources
Division of Oil, Gas and Mining
ATTN: D. Wayne Hedberg
355 West North Temple
3 Train Center, Suite 350
Salt Lake City, Utah 84180-1203

MAR 13 1998

Re: Large Mining Operations Notice of Intention, AKZO Nobel Salt, Inc.,
Timpie Solar Ponds, M/045/030, Tooele County, Utah

Dear Mr. Hedberg:

The AKZO salt operation, within Tooele County, is located within a "General Industrial District" M-G zone. This zone is "to provide areas in appropriate locations where heavy industrial processes necessary to the economy may be conducted. The regulations of this District are designed to protect environmental quality of the District and adjacent areas".

In my opinion those facilities located within plots A & B could very easily be used for post mine uses. There is a road and railroad that services this area and it would not take a great deal of effort to convert or use these buildings and facilities for other uses that the production of salt.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "J. Raymond Johnson".

J. Raymond Johnson, P.E.
Director

cc: Dan Bauer, AKZO Nobel Salt, Inc.

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Weber County Industrial Development Corporation

WHEREAS, the Weber County Industrial Development Corporation was created by the County of Weber, State of Utah, in 1955 under the laws of the State of Utah as a non-profit corporation and charged with the promotion of industrial and economic development in Weber County, and

WHEREAS, the Weber County Industrial Development Corporation has the power to serve testimony before regulatory agencies of the State, other states, or the Federal Government having jurisdiction over matters affecting the industrial and economic development of the State (Utah Code, Section 63-31-04); and

WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of the Weber County Industrial Development Corporation that the Great Salt Lake Minerals and Chemicals Corporation has been negotiating with the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining to formulate an acceptable permitting plan under the Utah Mined Land Reclamation Act of 1975 (the Act), Title 40-8, Utah Code Annotated, 1953; and

WHEREAS, GSL Corporation seeks a "Variance Request" of the Coordinator of Mined Land Development, which would exempt the requirement for preparation of a reclamation plan for its plant site and structures located contiguous to the Little Mountain Industrial Park and not a portion of solar evaporation ponds leased from the State of Utah;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Weber County Industrial Development Corporation that the plant site and structures of GSL Corporation are considered a part of a zoned and regulated industrial park and as such are viable for continued use and are good and marketable; and

THEREFORE, we fully endorse a "Variance Request" exempting the need for preparation of a reclamation plan on those facilities and structures located on land and contiguous to the Little Mountain Industrial Park.

WEBER COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

By:


Roderick H. Browning, President

ATTEST:


Lynwood Islaub, Secretary

State of Utah)
County of Weber)

On the 8th day of February, 1983, personally appeared before me Roderick H. Browning and Lynwood Islaub, who being by me duly sworn did say, each for himself that he, the said Roderick H. Browning is the President, and he, the said Lynwood Islaub is the Secretary of Weber County Industrial Development Corporation and that the within and foregoing instrument was signed in behalf of said corporation by authority of a resolution of its membership and said Roderick H. Browning and Lynwood Islaub each duly acknowledged to me that said Corporation executed the same.



Notary Public, Residing at
Ogden, Utah

Commission expires:

March 29, 1986